

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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UTILIZATION OF FUNDS UNDER MPLAD SCHEME
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the works undertaken under MPLAD Scheme in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands during the last three years ;
- (b) whether the funds allocated for such works under MPLADS were not fully utilised ;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which the balance funds are likely to be disbursed ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

- (a) As per the information received from the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, 51 works were undertaken under the MPLAD Scheme during the last three years. Of these, 31 works have been completed and 20 works are in progress. These works relate to different sectors viz. Education, Drinking Water, Roads, Rural Development, etc.
- (b) The MPLADS funds are non-lapsable. As reported by the Union Territory of the A&N Islands, of the total funds received from the Government of India, there is an unspent balance of Rs. 24,56,901.42, including interest accrued.
- (c & d) The reasons for funds not being fully utilized, inter-alia, include: Balance payments to be made for ongoing works and for new works, release of funds to implementing agencies only after administrative and financial approvals. The nature and dynamics of the MPLAD Scheme does not envisage any fixed time limit for utilization of balance funds. For ongoing and new works funds are disbursed as per para 4.15 of the MPLADS Guidelines.